Rs. 84.60 lakhs and the work in nearing completion. Reconstruction of existing washable aprons in planned at Secunderabad and Rajahmundry. Works at Guntakal and Tirupati have been sanctioned at cost of Rs. 57.9 lakhs and Rs. 10 lakhs have been allotted during 2001-2002. Also, work at Secunderabad has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 82 lakhs and Rs. 14 lakhs have been allotted during 2001-2002.

(d) and (e) The extension of facility of washable aprons at 'A' and 'B' category stations is a continuous process. Railways endeavour to extend this facility, within the available resources, to other important stations, especially, at terminal stations, where trains are received in the early hours of the day.

Doubling of Patna-Gaya rail line

4684. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to double the Patna-Gaya rail line;

(b) if so, whether survey therefor has been completed and the requisite funds allocated, for carrying out the doubling work;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to execute the work; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not taking any steps to double the above rail line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Doubling has been sanctioned from Patna to Taregna as the first phase of doubling from Patna to Gaya.

(b) Yes, Sir. Funds have been allotted for the sanctioned works of doubling between Patna-Taregna.

(c) and (d) Patna-Parasabazar (6km.) has been completed. The work on Parasabazar-Punpun-Taregna section is in progress and would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources?